

COMMONS CONVENING

2024

Day 1: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time	Session Code and Title	Session Details	Panelists	Location
9:00 - 10:00	Registration			Ground floor
10:00 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony			Bhim
10:30 - 11:45	Plenary 1.1 Changemakers for Commons: Celebrating and Learning from their Journeys	<p>This session showcases community leaders who blend local wisdom with modern practices to protect and conserve shared environments. Learn how they use local knowledge, foster collective action, and balance conservation with community needs. Discover insights for living in balance with nature and building resilient communities.</p>	<p>Anup Ranjan Pandey, Chhattisgarh Chami Murmu, Jharkhand Devaji Tofa, Maharashtra Jishudan Dishari, Odisha Sarjubai Meena, Rajasthan Usha Rajagopalan, Karnataka Y Nuklu Phom, Nagaland</p> <p>Moderator: Sudarshan Iyengar, Chairperson, Foundation for Ecological Security; Scholar of Gandhian Studies and Former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith</p>	Bhim
11:45 - 12:15	Coffee Break & Networking			First floor
12:15 - 13:30	Plenary 1.2 Leaving No One Behind: Catalysing Commons for SDG Acceleration	<p>Contextualising the management and restoration of Commons within the SDGs framework highlights the interconnected nature of sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development emphasise inclusivity and the principle of 'Leave No One Behind'. The SDGs framework is integral to guiding evidence-based decision-making on development at both national and subnational levels. The session will emphasise the need for coordinated strategies to tackle climate change, social justice, and poverty alleviation through effective governance of the Commons. It will also explore the possibilities of including indicators that highlight key data on commons and impact on the SDGs in the current National Indicator Framework.</p>	<p>Dinesh Marothia, President, Indian Society of Agricultural Economics Muniraju S.B., Deputy Advisor, NITI Aayog Rajesh S, IFS, Inspector General of Forest, MoEFCC Ranjan Kumar Ghosh, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad Zeenat Niazi, Chief Advisor, Circular Economy and Climate Resilience Programs, Development Alternatives</p> <p>Moderator: Isabelle Tschan, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP</p>	Bhim
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch			First floor
14:30 - 15:45	Panel 1.1 A Community Forestry: The Missing Link in SDG Pathways?	<p>India's community forest management, supported by the Forest Rights Act 2006, acknowledges customary rights and village governance. However, governance methods and integration with SDGs need further exploration. This session aims to address how to link community forestry with SDGs, focusing on core concerns, responsibilities among different actors, and necessary processes. It will also explore the need for formalising these processes through directives from relevant ministries and potential amendments to existing laws.</p>	<p>Abhinandan Saikia, Professor, TISS Guwahati Arvind K. Jha, IFS, Former PCCF & DG (Social Forestry), Maharashtra A B Ota, IAS (Retd), Director and Special Secretary, SCSTRTI & Odisha State Tribal Museum, Odisha Tushar Dash, Independent Researcher, Odisha</p> <p>Moderator: Geetanjoy Sahu, Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai</p>	Conference Hall 1
	Panel 1.1 B Commoning Governance of Surface & Groundwater: How Can This Address the SDGs?	<p>The session aims to foster deliberation on different aspects of water governance, including the critical role of community stewardship, knowledge systems of local communities, the embeddedness of water in the ecosystem, and the desired shifts in policies and programmes to enable commoning. The discussions will highlight various initiatives towards commoning in practice, research, and policy and explore pathways for strengthening governance of water as commons towards addressing the various SDGs.</p>	<p>Bishwadeep Ghose, Managing Trustee, Water for People K. J. Joy, Senior Fellow, Society for Participating Ecosystem Management (SOPPECOM) Pratul Saxena, Project Director, Atal Bhujal Yojana Shraman Jha, Chief Executive Officer, Hindustan Unilever Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Anuj Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, Arghyam</p>	Samrastha

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14:30 - 15:45	<p>Panel 1.1 C</p> <p>Area-Based Planning through Public Systems: A Way to Address SDGs at the Landscape-Scale</p>	<p>This session explores the potential of area-based planning in rural India as a powerful tool to address Sustainable Development Goals at the landscape scale. By tailoring strategies to the unique needs of distinct regions, area-based planning can drive localised progress, promote equitable resource distribution, and address climate change vulnerabilities. The session will highlight the significance of this approach, identify roadblocks, and discuss opportunities for integrating SDGs into public systems. Panelists will explore institutional frameworks and financing options to promote agroecology-based green local economies and foster collaborative action.</p>	<p>Ashwin Kulkarni, Director and Founder Trustee, Pragati Abhiyan</p> <p>Nitin Khade, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources</p> <p>Prashant Armorikar, Director, Watershed Development, National Rainfed Area Authority</p> <p>Rabindra Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd.), Former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Chhattisgarh</p> <p>Venkatesh Tagat, Former Chief General Manager, NABARD</p> <p>Moderator: Sudarshan Iyengar, Chairperson, Foundation for Ecological Security; Scholar of Gandhian Studies and Former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith</p>	Nalanda
	<p>Panel 1.1 D</p> <p>Connecting Climate Action and Commons: Policy Pathways, Opportunities, and Challenges</p>	<p>This session will focus on climate change from a policy perspective, with an emphasis on climate actions, Nationally Determined Contributions, and the management of commons. By integrating interdisciplinary perspectives on the commons, the discussion aims to enrich the climate discourse, especially as action agendas and financing strategies gain prominence both globally and locally. The session will bring together key stakeholders to explore these intersections within the Indian context. The goal is to highlight how these issues can be prioritised in policy-making, practice, academic research, and corporate governance agendas.</p>	<p>Abhishek Jain, Director, Powering Livelihoods, Council on Energy, Environment and Water</p> <p>Haripriya Gundimeda, Professor, IIT Bombay</p> <p>Kumar Sambhav, Founder and Director, Land Conflict Watch</p> <p>Ruchika Singh, Executive Program Director, Food, Land and Water, World Resources Institute India</p> <p>Shailesh Nagar, Partner, Intellectap</p> <p>Chair: Nitin Desai, Former Member of the Planning Commission; Former Under Secretary General, Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations</p>	Bhim
	<p>Panel 1.1 E</p> <p>Leveraging Data and Technology for Community-led Governance of Commons</p>	<p>This is the first session in a series of three on leveraging technology for community-led governance of the Commons. It aims to set out the <i>ambition</i> of what data/tech designed with communities for inclusive social-ecological governance can look like. The panel will explore how information systems can accurately reflect local contexts and spur widespread civic action. It will further explore why principles of openness and shared ownership are essential for information systems.</p>	<p>Ashwin Viswanath, Nature Conservation Foundation</p> <p>Sarah Mishra, Senior Director, Reap Benefit Foundation</p> <p>Shivangi Somvanshi, Center Head, Center for Applied Geomatics, CEPT Research & Development Foundation</p> <p>S.K. Jha, Professor, IIT Bombay</p> <p>Moderator: Aaditeshwar Seth, Professor, IIT Delhi</p>	VIP Lounge
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee Break & Networking			
16:15 - 17:30	<p>Plenary 1.3</p> <p>Women's Leadership for Commons</p>	<p>This session focuses on women as equal citizens in envisioning and stewarding the future of Commons. We aim to delve into systemic barriers and historic gender inequity perpetuating denial of women the access to land rights, participation in resource and political governance, but most importantly, recognition of them as essential stewards of Commons ecosystems, beyond the users of these resources. The outcome of this session is to inform the Commons discourse on the need to embrace women's leadership for Commons through identifying systemic policy opportunities and building partnerships for continuous engagement and action to advance women's decision making around Commons.</p>	<p>Chetna Gala Sinha, Founder, Mann Deshi Foundation & Mann Deshi Mahila Bank</p> <p>Pradeep Mohan Chavan, Community Conservation Expert, Kalpavriksh</p> <p>Shivani Gupta, Co-CEO, Womanity Foundation</p> <p>Soma Kishore Parthasarathy, Independent Researcher and Policy Analyst</p> <p>Moderator: Kanchi Kohli, Research and Educator</p>	Bhim
17:30 - 17:45	Launch of Publication "Our Commons"			Bhim

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Day 2: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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9:00 - 10:00	Registration			Ground floor
10:00 - 11:15	Plenary 2.1 Connecting Samaaj, Sarkaar, Bazaar	This session will explore the need for a paradigm shift from top-down governance to community-led solutions to address global systemic failures. As global governance, financial systems, and geopolitical structures break down, the session will explore the importance of local, community-based governance to tackle issues like inequality, environmental degradation, and social disharmony. The discussion will cover aspects associated with an "unlearning" of siloed, unsystematic approaches and highlight the crucial role of strengthening local governance and community collaboration to realise the potential of Commons.	Jahnvi Andharia, Director and Research Fellow, Institute of Social Studies Trust Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Professor, Ashoka University Thomas Isaac, Former Finance Minister, Kerala Chair: Arun Maira, Former Member, Planning Commission of India; Former Chairman, Boston Consulting Group, India	Bhim
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee Break & Networking			First floor
11:45 - 13:00	Roundtable 2.1 A Collaborating for FRA: Lessons from States		A B Ota, IAS (Retd), Director and Special Secretary, SCSTRTI & Odisha State Tribal Museum, Odisha Ashmita Kabra, Professor, Dr. Ambedkar University, Delhi Chetna Latkar, BRLF Manjeet Bal, Senior Programme Manager, Foundation for Ecological Security Michael Islary, Senior Program Associate, World Resources Institute India Rajendra Bharud, IAS, Commissioner, Tribal Research and Training Institute, Government of Maharashtra Milind Thatte, Founder Director, TEER Foundation Johnson Topno, Executive Director, PHIA Foundation Uttam Kumar Sahoo, Deputy Director, TRTI, Odisha Moderator: Sreetama Guptabhaya, UNDP	Conference Hall 1
	Panel 2.1 B Landscape Governance Partnerships: Role of Multi-Actor Platforms	This session introduces the Multi-Actor Platform (MAP) model as one approach to collaborative landscape governance, bridging critical gaps between community, government, and market actors. Panelists, who are also conveners of such initiatives, will explore how MAPs facilitate collaboration among diverse stakeholders and address the unique challenges of sustaining these initiatives. Join us to help build a community of practice working on collaborative approaches to landscape governance, exchanging lessons, experiences and innovations.	Akshay Roongta, Co-founder and Partner, Ooloi Labs Dhammasheel Ganvir, IFS, Chhattisgarh Forest Department and Director, Jungle Safari, Raipur Madhuri Mondal, Senior Programme Officer, Dakshin Foundation Pramel Gupta, National Anchor, National Coalition for Natural Farming Swapna Sarangi, General Manager, Foundation for Ecological Security Moderator: Blake Ratner, Collaboration for Resilience	Conference Hall 2
	Roundtable 2.1 C Collaboration for NTFP Value Chains: Challenges & Opportunities	This workshop will explore the potential of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) to enhance the livelihoods of tribal women and contribute to inclusive economies. The session will examine the challenges faced by the NTFP sector, such as resource depletion, poor market linkages, and policy complexities. Participants will discuss innovative approaches and institutional models for public-private partnerships, aiming to strengthen the sector and improve income resilience in regenerative landscapes. The outcome will focus on actionable insights for leveraging NTFPs to build inclusive and sustainable economies	Workshop anchored by Vrutti and Common Ground for a curated group Moderator: Shiv Kumar, Co-founder, Catalyst Management Systems	Nalanda

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11:45 - 13:00	<p>Workshop 2.1 D</p> <p>Leveraging Data and Technology for Community-led Governance of Commons (Part I)</p>	<p>The workshops (Parts I and II) explore how technology and data infrastructure can empower communities with access to relevant information for local action on Commons. While many initiatives exist, they remain isolated or small-scale. We aim to identify open-source solutions and infrastructures that allow diverse actors across sectors to contribute and co-create context-appropriate tools. The workshops will focus on empowering communities with knowledge, designing community-centric data tools, and developing a collaborative open ecosystem for locally-led, context-based planning and action on a larger scale.</p>	<p>Open workshop curated by IIT Delhi, Platform Commons, Landstack and Common Ground</p>	VIP Lounge
13:00- 14:00	Lunch			First floor
14:00 - 15:15	<p>Panel 2.2 A</p> <p>Bringing Back the Focus on Area-based Planning: Reimagining the Building Blocks</p>	<p>This session focuses on reimagining area-based planning to address climate change and the specific needs of different agroecological contexts. Building on the previous day's discussions, the session will explore how to reintegrate area-based planning into current policies, programs, and funding streams, including CSR and impact finance. Focussing on inter-departmental coordination and agroecological alignment, the discussion will aim to establish a collaborative framework for implementing area-based approaches, paving the way for sustainable development and resilient landscapes.</p>	<p>Abi Tamim Vanak, Director, Centre for Policy Design, ATREE</p> <p>Aruna Pandey, Head - Research, MEL and Capacity Building, Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation</p> <p>NC Narayanan, Professor, Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas, IIT Bombay</p> <p>Raghunathan Naryanan, Founder and Chief Mentor, Vrutti</p> <p>Rajesh Mit, Integrator, PRADAN</p> <p>Moderator: Sudarshan Iyengar, Scholar of Gandhian Studies and Former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith</p>	Nalanda
	<p>Panel 2.2 B</p> <p>Strengthening the Custodianship of Gram Panchayats over Community Resources</p>	<p>This panel examines the critical role of Panchayats in managing natural resources, exploring strategies to strengthen their effectiveness as local governments. Discussion will focus on leveraging existing mechanisms, enhancing financial autonomy, fostering inter-institutional collaborations, and improving community engagement. The aim is to empower Panchayats as accountable custodians of resources, in line with constitutional vision and sustainable development goals.</p>	<p>Abhay Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Rajasthan</p> <p>Uma Mahadevan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department, Karnataka</p> <p>Vikas Anand, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India</p> <p>Santosh Kumar Satapathy, IAS (Retd.), Chief Advisor to the Governor of Odisha</p> <p>Moderator: SM Vijayanand, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary to the Government of Kerala</p>	Samrastha
	<p>Panel 2.2 C</p> <p>Financing Innovations for Landscape Climate Action: Lessons, Leverage Points, and Challenges</p>	<p>Are top-down climate finance models failing local communities? Can traditional knowledge systems revolutionise existing market-based instruments? This session will explore innovative funding mechanisms, analyse successful grassroots initiatives, and craft strategies to support local communities in shaping climate pathways.</p>	<p>Kavita Mehta, Executive Director, Sahjeevan</p> <p>Pooja Trivedi, Lead, Collaboratives, Catalyst Group</p> <p>Siddhartha Dhahi, Co-Founder, Centre for Grower-centric Eco-value Mechanisms</p> <p>Sreejan Dutta, Manager (Venture Philanthropy), LGT Wealth India</p> <p>Tambor Lyngdoh, Founding Chairman, Synjuk</p> <p>Varghese Paul, USAID</p> <p>Moderator: Jinu George, ClimateRISE</p>	Conference Hall 1
	<p>Workshop 2.2 D</p> <p>Freshwater Futures: Pathways to Collective Conservation Action</p>	<p>This workshop aims to strengthen freshwater ecosystem (FWE) conservation in India by fostering cross-sectoral collaboration and integrating diverse perspectives. Beginning with an introduction to the Alliance for Conserving Freshwater Ecosystems and its vision, FWEs will be contextualised within the larger narrative of ecosystem conservation, restoration, and management, along with connected thematic areas.</p>	<p>Open workshop curated by the Alliance for Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems</p>	VIP Dining Hall
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break & Networking			

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15:45 - 17:00	<p>Panel 2.3 A</p> <p>Community Stewardship and Indigenous Knowledge: The Way Ahead</p>	<p>This panel explores community stewardship models and their recognition gaps, strategies to increase state and market acknowledgment, barriers to climate finance, and pathways for integrating indigenous knowledge in conservation. It examines current challenges in community-led environmental efforts, proposing solutions to enhance support, funding, and inclusion of traditional practices in policy-making and implementation.</p>	<p>Amba Jamir, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Dimgong Rongmei, Executive Director, Realm of Nature Based Actions</p> <p>Gazala Paul, Executive Director, Samerth Trust</p> <p>Pravanjan Mohapatra, Principal, Intellectap</p> <p>Tushar Dash, Independent Researcher</p> <p>Moderator: Pranab Ranjan Choudhury, CEO and Cofounder, Landstack</p>	Nalanda
	<p>Panel 2.3 B</p> <p>Agri Land Commons: Gramdan</p>	<p>The session will explore the challenges and opportunities of the Gramdan Act in promoting village autonomy and collective land ownership. It will examine how the Act can be revitalized in the current legal and social landscape.</p>	<p>Devaji Tofa, Community Leader, Mendha Lekha</p> <p>Mithu Lal Gurjar, Gramdan Adhyaksh, Gangrar, Rajasthan</p> <p>Mohan Hirabhai Hiralal, Consultant</p> <p>Parag Cholkar, Trustee, Vidarbha Bhoodan Gramdan Sahayog Samiti</p> <p>Satish Gogulwar, Founder Trustee and Convener, Amhi Amchya Arogyasathi</p> <p>Moderator: Sudarshan Iyengar, Scholar of Gandhian Studies and Former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith</p>	Conference Hall 1
	<p>Panel 2.3 C</p> <p>Landscapes and Farming Systems Interactions</p>	<p>Does addressing the complex challenges faced by smallholder farmers require a systems approach, rather than focusing solely on individual farm parcels? How do we strengthen institutional arrangements and enhance the capacities of bodies like Gram Panchayats to tackle these issues from a systems perspective? How do we foster strong collaborative actions to influence policy and seize emerging opportunities? Join us to express, explore, and engage in finding scalable solutions.</p>	<p>Aniruddha Brahmachari, Rainforest Alliance</p> <p>Archana Chatterjee, Mangroves for the Future National Coordinator, IUCN India</p> <p>Archana Singh, Integrator, PRADAN</p> <p>Prashant Mehra, Co-founder, Platform Commons Foundation</p> <p>Sabyasachi Das, Director, WASSAN</p> <p>Moderator: Pramel Gupta, National Anchor & CEO, National Coalition for Natural Farming</p>	Samrastha
	<p>Panel 2.3 D</p> <p>Extensive Livestock Systems in India: Opportunities and Challenges</p>	<p>India's livestock production, dominated by extensive systems including pastoral and agro-pastoral methods, plays a crucial role in the country's agricultural output. These systems, characterised by efficient use of diverse grazing resources and crop residues, demonstrate low-carbon, flexible, and cost-effective production. Despite misconceptions about efficiency, these methods offer significant benefits that warrant further evidence-based recognition.</p>	<p>Balaram Sahu, Pathe Pathshala</p> <p>Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, Co-founder, Camel Charisma</p> <p>Purushottam Sharma, Head, Division of Plant Animal Relationship ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi</p> <p>Natasha Maru, Global Lead for Rangelands and Pastoralists, International Land Coalition</p> <p>Purnendu Kavoori, Founder, Centre for Social Ecology</p> <p>Moderator: Bhavana Rao, Senior Consultant. FES and Coordinator Rainfed Livestock Network</p>	Conference Hall 2

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Day 3: Thursday, August 29, 2024

Time	Session Code and Title	Session Details	Panelists	Location
9:00 - 10:00	Registration			Ground floor
10:00 - 11:15	Panel 3.1 A Reimagining Wastelands as Commons: Evolving Discourse, Transitions, Implications	This session aims to explore the narratives are perceptions around wastelands and trigger deliberations around their re-imagination as commons. It expects to identify existing gaps and challenges that result in these continued narratives and analyse how these narratives require transformation in the changing contexts, and whether and how they align around local communities. As a way forward, the session would attempt to see if wastelands can provide win-win solutions for economy, conservation, and community needs.	Abi Vanak, Director, Centre for Policy Design, ATREE Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Secretary, Department of Land Resources Nivedita Haran, Chairperson, Ente Bhoomi Trust and CMID Rajiv Pandey, Head, Division of Forestry Statistics, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education SB Dangayach, Founder Trustee, Innovative Thought Forum Moderator: Anu Verma, Asia Regional Coordinator, International Land Coalition	Nalanda
	Panel 3.1 B Evolving Land Use and Governance Frameworks of Pasture Commons	The session will highlight the status and significance of pasture commons, reiterating the need to ensure community-led restoration and governance of these resources, and bringing to fore the land use and governance framework evolving in different parts of India. The session aims to explore the innovative governance mechanisms that would help in meeting the needs of local communities, ensure the conservation of pastures, and balance competing land use interests.	Pradeep Sharma, Pradeep Sharma, CMO, Chhattisgarh P. Vivekandan, Co-chair, Regional IYRP Support Group (RISG) South Asia Shailendra Tiwari, Seva Mandir Shilpa Nag, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, District Chamrajnagar Moderator: Bhavana Rao, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Ecological Security	Samrastha
	Workshop 3.1 C Leveraging Data and Technology for Community-led Governance of Commons (Part II)	The workshops (Parts I and II) explore how technology and data infrastructure can empower communities with access to information for local action on Commons. While many initiatives exist, they remain isolated or small-scale. We aim to identify open-source solutions and infrastructures that allow diverse actors across sectors to contribute and co-create context-appropriate tools. The workshops will focus on empowering communities with knowledge, designing community-centric data tools, and developing a collaborative open ecosystem for locally-led, context-based planning and action.	Open workshop curated by IIT Delhi, Platform Commons, Landstack and Common Ground	VIP Lounge
	Workshop 3.1 D Strengthening Social Accountability for the Commons	Shared ownership and governance of commons offer communities a chance to address environmental degradation, inequality, and identity issues. This workshop will examine the challenges in securing rights over commons, focusing on transparency, accountability, and mechanisms to ensure community participation. By building on the Bhilwara Framework for Accountability, this workshop seeks to empower marginalized groups, enhance public scrutiny, and strengthen the governance of commons through community-led efforts and social accountability tools.	Open workshop curated by Social Accountability Forum for Action and Research and Foundation for Ecological Security	Conference Hall 1
	Workshop 3.1 E Strategic Communications: How Can We Make Commons Everyone's Business? (Part I)	This 150-minute workshop will focus on creating a strategic communication roadmap to foreground the Commons as a public priority. Participants, including civil society leaders, journalists, and communication specialists, will explore how to shift public perspectives and engage diverse audiences in the discourse on the protection and preservation of Commons. Through in-depth discussions, working groups will identify challenges, opportunities, and innovative approaches to better communicate the significance of Commons. The workshop's key takeaway will be the creation of actionable big ideas and strategic plans aimed at enhancing public understanding and policy engagement around the critical role of Commons.	Open workshop curated by Common Ground and Foundation for Ecological Security	VIP Dining Hall
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee Break & Networking			First floor

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11:45 – 13:00	Panel 3.2 A Community Conserved Areas: A Commonging Movement	This session will explore mechanisms to enhance the understanding and narrative around the critical role Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) play in biodiversity conservation, emphasizing the contributions of local communities in safeguarding ecosystems. It will also address the need for formal recognition of CCAs within governance frameworks, focusing on how to integrate it into policy, ensuring sustainable conservation and equitable resource management.	Amba Jamir, Policy and Development Strategist Arnab Bose, Nature's Foster Heirang Lunglang, Chairperson, Nagaland Community Conserved Areas Forum Mayalmit Lepcha, Sikkim Indigenous Lepcha Women's Association Moderator: Pia Sethi, Senior Fellow, Centre for Ecology Development and Research	Nalanda
	Panel 3.2 B Coastal Commons: Pathways for Coordinated Action	This panel will discuss the impact of emerging blue economy agendas on coastal communities. Panellists will examine the complex world of India's coastal commons, their diverse ecosystems, multi-layered governance, equity issues and propose pathways for sustainable, inclusive management of these vital resources.	Aarthi Sridhar, Founder Trustee and Programme Head, Dakshin Foundation Amalendu Jyotishi, Professor, Azim Premji University Jenia Mukherjee, Professor, IIT Kharagpur Sebastiao Rodrigues, National Council member, National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers Supriya Vohra, Independent Journalist and Writer Tara Nair, Director (Research), Work Fair and Free Foundation Venugopal, Member, International Collective in Support of Fishworkers V. Vivekanandan, Director, FishMARC at Vrutti Moderator: Sisir Kanta Pradhan, Common Ground	Samrastha
	Roundtable 3.2 C Emerging Areas for Research and Learning on Commons	This session will focus on consolidating insights, learnings, gaps, and opportunities for research on the Commons, drawing from ongoing initiatives and discussions from the convening. It will concentrate on pathways to translate research into strategic, collaborative action for the Commons.	Roundtable organised by the Collaborating for Resilience and Foundation for Ecological Security	Conference Hall 1
	Panel 3.2 D Aligning Planetary Health with Human Health: The One Health Initiative	This session aims to explore the intersection of Commons-centric approaches and the One Health framework in building sustainable ecosystems. It will examine how efforts can collaborate to address climate change-related challenges like zoonotic diseases, food, water, and nutritional security. Discussions will focus on how to operationalize One Health at the community level, the role of village commons, and actions needed to facilitate synergies between human, animal, and environmental health for resilience.	Pavitra Vasudevan, Program Officer, Dakshin Foundation Shreelata Rao Seshadri, Professor and Director, PHFI Sumitra Gagrai, District Manager, Ekjut Foundation Tanya Seshadri, Faculty, Institute of Public Health Moderator: Gayatri Menon, Independent	Conference Hall 2
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13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break			
14:00 – 15:15	Session 3.3 A Panel: Reimagining FRA: The Way Forward	This session will examine the Forest Rights Act (FRA) and its implementation 18 years since its enactment, focusing on policy, legal, and institutional reforms needed to achieve its goals. Topics include mainstreaming FRA into development, building climate resilience, synergizing FRA with local programs like MGNREGA, empowering Gram Sabhas in NTFP governance, and democratizing decision-making in forest resource management. The discussion will explore strategies to streamline FRA implementation and align it with contemporary climate change, forest governance, and development issues.	Dev Nathan, Professor, Institute for Human Development Kanchi Kohli, Researcher and Educator M. D. Madhusudan, Nature Conservation Foundation Rajendra Bharud, IAS, Commissioner, Tribal Research and Training Institute, Government of Maharashtra Sanjay Upadhyay, Sr Advocate, Supreme Court of India Samar Bosu Mullick, Secretary, Institute of Community Forest Governance Sonmoni Borah, IAS, Principal Secretary, ST & SC Development, Chhattisgarh Moderator: Meenakshi Kathel, Chief Advisor, UNDP	Nalanda

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14:00 - 15:15	Workshop 3.3 B The Confluence of Law, Justice, and Commoning	This session will introduce and deepen the understanding of commoning and its connection to legal and justice systems. It will create a space for participants to explore new ideas, identify key points of intervention, and strengthen ties between those working on environmental justice and commons-based governance. Drawing from insights shared in earlier sessions, the focus will be on how commons governance can support broader environmental justice efforts and foster collaboration.	Open workshop curated by Agami and Foundation for Ecological Security	VIP Lounge
	Roundtable 3.3 C Rainfed Livestock Network	This session will focus on highlighting the critical role of rainfed livestock systems in supporting rural livelihoods and sustainable agriculture. It will explore challenges and opportunities in this sector, drawing on current research and practices, and identify strategies for improving resilience and productivity. Participants will have the chance to share experiences, discuss innovations, and collaborate on approaches to strengthen the rainfed livestock ecosystem, with a focus on sustainable and equitable solutions.	Anil Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NIAP Balaram Sahu, Pathe Pathashala Bhavana Rao, Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Ecological Security Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, Co-founder, Camel Charisma Khem Chand, Principle Scientist, ICAR-NIAP, New Delhi Natasha Maru, Global Lead for Rangelands and Pastoralists, International Land Coalition Purnendu Kavoori, Director, Centre for Social Ecology P. Vivekandan, Co-chair, Regional IYRP Support Group (RISG) South Asia Rashmi Singh (Co-chair), Assistant Professor, IIT-Hyderabad Ramesh Bhatti, Program director, Sahjeevan	Conference Hall 1
	Panel 3.3 D Exploring Transitions Across Urban and Peri-urban Areas	Rural-urban transitions in India are creating complex peri-urban areas characterised by rapid development, shifting socio-economic dynamics, and environmental challenges. These liminal zones present unique opportunities and issues, from biodiversity loss to new economic paradigms. This panel explores the potential for creating sustainable, inclusive settlements that harmonise with nature while engaging communities in shaping their future amidst climate change.	Divya Ravindranath, Indian Institute for Human Settlements Paras Tyagi, Centre for Youth Culture Law and Environment Rishika Reddy, Indo-German Centre for Sustainability Sachin Tiwari, Frank Water Moderator: Anubhav Pradhan, Professor, IIT Bhilai	Conference Hall 2
	Session 3.3 E Common Ground Initiative: Partners Meet		Meeting anchored by Common Ground for a curated group	Samrastha
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break & Networking			
15:45 - 17:00	Closing Session: Key Takeaways, Learnings, and New Collaborations			Bhim